

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For: JOINING METHOD AND DEVICE PRODUCED BY THIS METHOD AND JOINING UNIT

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 8, 2009, the period for response which is set to expire on April 8, 2009, please reconsider the above-captioned application, without prejudice or disclaimer, in view of the following amendments and remarks.